

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-3, 12 and 14 are pending and under consideration.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is overcome by the present amendments.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is overcome. Independent claim 1 recites said second member and said rotating member being attached via said positioning pin so that a rotational phase of the second member relative to the rotating member is constant. In contrast, JP '678 does not disclose a positioning pin. The Examiner relies upon the rotary body 13 and the carrier 26 of JP '678 as respectively corresponding to the second member and the rotating member. However, there is no pin (or "set screw" as the Examiner describes at page 4 of the Office Action) attaching these elements. There is a screw passing into the lower flange 27 and upper flange 28 of the carrier 26. However, this screw attaches different elements of the carrier 26 together, not the carrier 26 and the rotating body 13.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

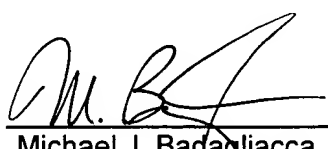
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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